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A Weekly Compilation of Environmental Education News from Across Louisiana

LEEC NEWS

PRESENTER PROPOSAL DEADLINE APPROACHING



The deadline for submitting presentation proposals for the 2014 Louisiana Environmental Education Symposium is December 16, 2013.

The conference will be held on February 21-22, 2013 at the Shreveport Convention Center, 400 Caddo St, Shreveport. The concurrent session portion of the symposium will take place on Saturday, February 22, 2014. We will offer 55 minute sessions in 4 time slots from 8 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. This year we want to place emphasis on the concepts of watersheds, preserving water quality, and managing land to reduce impact on our aquatic resources. The theme for this upcoming conference, therefore, is "Watersheds: From My Back Yard to the Ocean."

LODGING ASSISTANCE FUNDS AVAILABLE

Fulltime educators or university students seeking an education degree are eligible for lodging assistance at the 2014 Environmental Education Symposium.

The awards are determined by distance from the conference site and will be processed in the order they are received.

Lodging assistance awards will pay for one half of the cost of a double-occupancy hotel room at the conference hotel (Shreveport Hilton) only. Two people receiving awards and rooming together will therefore stay for free!

Click the following link to download the form: [2014 Lodging Assistance Application](#).

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GEORGE RODRIGUE FOUNDATION ART CONTEST FEATURES "LOUISIANA'S NATURAL BEAUTY"

The focus of the 2014 George Rodrigue Foundation Art Contest is the Bayou state's natural beauty. Among the species suggested as a focus by the foundation this year are the endangered whooping crane, threatened Louisiana black bear, and the iconic American alligator.

The annual contest is open to high school juniors and seniors and will award \$45,000 in scholarships to the winners.

For more information, visit the art contest site at <http://www.georgerodriguefoundation.org/site305.php>.



"Whooping Crane" courtesy US Fish and Wildlife Service digitalmedia.fws.gov.

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CPRA AND THE WATER INSTITUTE SOLICIT PROPOSALS AND APPLICATIONS FOR APPLIED RESEARCH AND INNOVATION PROGRAMS

Coastal Innovation Partnership Program

The Coastal Innovation Partnership Program will solicit and evaluate cutting-edge technologies and other innovations that could be used by CPRA or other coastal entities to achieve the most efficient, cost effective and sustainable approaches to project implementation, monitoring and adaptive management.

Pre-applications are due on January 6, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. Pre-applications will be reviewed by The Water Institute of the Gulf and recommendations will be made to CPRA regarding how to best utilize these innovations within the coastal program.

CPRA Applied Research Program

The CPRA Applied Research Program will provide Louisiana-based researchers with funds to conduct engineering and science research and tool development activities that will enable CPRA to more effectively protect and restore coastal resources.

Submission deadline for proposals is February 7, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Program sites: www.thewaterinstitute.org/appliedresearch and www.thewaterinstitute.org/appliedresearch.



VIDEO: THIS WEEK AT THE INTERIOR

Published on YouTube by the U.S. Department of the Interior, This Week at the Interior allows you to follow the actions and efforts of the agency responsible for managing and sustaining America's lands, water, wildlife, and energy resources. The December 6, 2013 episode highlights plans to spend \$627 million in Gulf restoration efforts.

View the video at <http://youtu.be/v3DSeDkmfmM>.

RESOURCES

LIVE STEM ROLE MODEL Q&A

Ocean Engineer Clara Smart will answer questions in an online Q&A session on Thursday, December 12 at 12:30 p.m. Central.

Smart, a PhD student at the University of Rhode Island, develops sensors and systems for oceanic research. She spends summers gathering data on the Exploration Vehicle Nautilus, which explores our oceans with remotely operated vehicles and high-resolution seafloor mapping.

The live event page will consist of a live video player and a question submission form. Questions you send during the live event will be sent to the live event moderator, who will select as many as possible to pass along to the live event host and featured guest.

Find out more at <http://www.jason.org/live/stem-career-qa-clara-smart-ocean-engineer>.



"Clara Smart" image courtesy nautiluslive.org

RESOURCES, CONT'D

ONENOA SEMINARS THIS WEEK

Assessing Habitat and Community Sensitivity to Climate Change Impacts

December 12, 2013, 1 p.m.; Online Access Only ([More information](#))

Planning with Communities At Risk

December 12, 2013; 1 p.m.; Online Access Only ([More information](#))

Long-term ecological and genetic studies of Lake Sturgeon in the Great Lakes

December 12, 2013; 2 p.m. ; NOAA [NWFSC](#) (Seattle, WA) ([More information](#))

Stay or Leave – the Urban Coast and Sea Level Rise

December 12, 2013, 2 p.m.; NOAA HQ [SSMC4](#), Room 9153 ([More information](#))

Transition to ISO Metadata Online Training

December 12, 2013; 3 p.m.; Online Access Only ([More information](#))

CONTINUING EDUCATION

GRADUATE COURSES OFFERED IN 13 COUNTRIES

Applications are being accepted until **January 28** for 2014 graduate field courses and the master's degree based on those courses, which offer international conservation studies in 13 countries throughout Africa, Asia, Australia and the Americas.

Miami University's Global Field Program (GFP) brings Master's degree candidates, scientists, educators, community leaders, and others together at conservation hotspots. Applicants elect to enroll in either a **Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT)** degree in the Biological Sciences or a **Master of Arts (MA)** degree in Biology.

For more information, visit the Miami University program website, <http://gfp.muohio.edu/> , or view the program FAQ at <http://gfp.muohio.edu/?q=faq-page> .

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SIGN UP FOR THE 114TH CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

The annual Christmas Bird count begins December 14 and ends January 5. Participants within or with access to specified sites around the country can sign up at the Audubon website, <http://birds.audubon.org/christmas-bird-count> .

Find a map of Christmas bird count locations [here](#).

At left, the ruby-crowned kinglet is a common sight all over Louisiana throughout the winter months. (Photo courtesy US Fish and Wildlife Service [digitalme-](#)

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